Claim 5(new). A chemical composition for use in rapid detoxification of toxic formaldehyde vapors and absorption of hydrogen sulfide from incidental releases of unused or spent formaldehyde solutions of various concentrations, comprising tris(hydroxymethyl) aminomethane, urea, and beta-cyclodextrin.

Claim 6(new). The composition of claim 5(new), which further comprises reduced glutathione, for a potential enzymatic defense against formaldehyde in oral buccal tissue specimens and oral epithelial cell lines.

Remarks

The specification has been amended editorially and to correct those errors noted by the Legal Instruments Examiner. Claims 1 to 4 have been cancelled and substituted Claims 5 (new) and 6 (new) to more particularly and distinctly define the invention in a patentable manner over the cited prior art.

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